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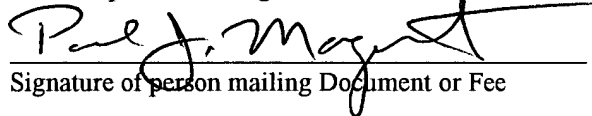
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PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

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Sir:

In connection with the Office Action dated May 18, 2004 in the above-entitled application, Applicants respectfully request a one (1) month extension in which to file a response, from August 18, 2004 to September 18, 2004.

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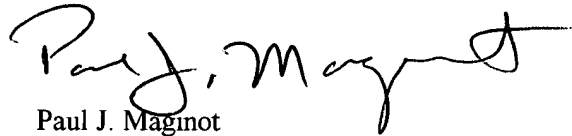
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The fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) is submitted herewith. Also, please provide any further extensions of time which may be necessary and charge any fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 13-0014, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul J. Maginot", written in a cursive style.

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